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Shelley's 'Birds of Africa,' Vol. IV, Pt. II.<sup>1</sup>—The second part of volume IV, completing the volume, follows very promptly Part I, noticed in the April number of this Journal (Auk, XXII, pp. 228, 229), concluding the family Ploceidæ and carrying the species from No. 523 to No. 646. The seven colored plates, by H. Grönwold, beautifully illustrate fourteen species. We are glad to see the good progress which now marks this great undertaking, the scope and character of which have been fully explained in our notices of the earlier parts.—J. A. A.

## NOTES AND NEWS.

WALTER E. BRYANT, a Corresponding Fellow of the American Ornithologist's Union, died in San Francisco, Cal., May 21, 1905. A biographical notice of Mr. Bryant will appear in a later number of this Journal.

ADOLPHE BOUCARD, a well-known ornithological explorer and collector, and the author of many papers and works on birds and insects, died at the residence of his son, 24 Stanley Gardens, Hampstead, N. W., England, March 15, 1905, at the age of 66 years. He was born in France in 1839, but passed the later years of his life at his villa near Ryde, in the Isle of Wight. He collected extensively in the different countries of Central America and in southern Mexico, where he lived for many years. There are probably few large museums which do not contain many examples of his beautifully prepared bird-skins. His ornithological publications comprise 'Catalogus Avium hucusque descriptarum' (1876), 'Genera of Hummingbirds' (1893-95), and various papers in 'The Ibis,' the 'Proceedings' of the Zoölogical Society of London, and elsewhere. In 1891 he began the publication of an ornithological journal called 'The Hummingbird,' of which five volumes were completed. The greater part of his large collection of birds, numbering about 25,000 specimens and including many types, was presented to the Musée d'Histoire Naturelle, of Paris, in 1895.

<sup>1</sup> The | Birds of Africa, | comprising all the species which occur | in the | Ethiopian Region. | By | G. E. Shelley, F. Z. S., F. R. G. S., &c. | (Late Grenadier Guards), | Author of "A Handbook to the Birds of Egypt," | "A Monograph of the Sun-Birds," etc. | — | Vol. IV. | Part II. | — | London : | Published for the Author by | R. H. Porter, 7, Princes Street, Cavendish Square, W. | 1905. — Roy. 8vo, pp. vi + 289-511, pll. col. xxxvi-xlii. Price 31s. 6d. net.